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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

'Connecting teens and books' workshops scheduled

A library collection is the foundation for all other young adult services, yet the types, subjects, and formats of materials that teens enjoy reading vary as widely as teens themselves. With limited budgets and staffs, how can libraries build quality collections for teen readers and get the most bang for their buck? How can libraries promote their collections to attract *new* young adult library users?

Kim Patton, a YALSA Serving the Underserved Trainer and young adult specialist at the Lawrence (KS) Public Library, will present *Connecting Teens & Books*, a workshop for library staff serving young adults, sponsored by the Missouri State Library. The workshop will offer participants an opportunity to explore the topics of collection development, collection marketing, and reader's advisory services targeted to teens, ages 12 through 18.

Connecting Teens & Books will offer an informal setting for library staff to:

- Learn strategies to determine the reading characteristics of teens in their communities
- Understand how to measure and evaluate the scope of the YA collection
- Learn methods, tools, and strategies for developing the YA collection
- Learn strategies and techniques for involving teen users in collection development
- Learn strategies for marketing and promoting the collection to young adults

These workshops are free and open to Missouri public and school library personnel. Workshops begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Registration is limited to 40 participants at each site, and box lunches will be provided. If you have special dietary requirements or questions about accessibility, please contact Nancee Dahms-Stinson at (800) 325-0131, ext. 5, or nancee.dahms-stinson@sos.mo.gov.

Connecting Teens & Books will be held Monday, September 27 at the Windsor Branch of the Jefferson County Library in Barnhart, and Tuesday, September 28 at the Carrollton Public Library.

For more information and to register, visit the *Connecting Teens & Books* Web page at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/connectingteens/>.

Scholarship applications now available

Secretary of State Matt Blunt and Missouri State Librarian Sara Parker are pleased to announce the Missouri State Library Scholarships for the Winter/Spring and Summer 2005 academic semesters. Scholarships are available to Missouri graduate and undergraduate students pursuing a degree appropriate to professional librarianship. After graduation, scholarship recipients must commit to working in a publicly funded Missouri library as a full-time professional employee.

Unlike last year, this is the only opportunity students have to apply if they anticipate taking classes in either the Winter/Spring or the Summer 2005 semesters. Applications are due by October 1, 2004, and forms can be downloaded from the State Library Web site at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/scholarship/>.

The State Library Scholarship Program is supported by funds from the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The State Library encourages those who subscribe to *Newsline Extra* to share this information with other library staff members who might be interested in this opportunity. For additional information, please contact continuing education consultant Brenda Sites at 1-800-325-0131, ext. 13.

Secretary's council meets on September 10

The quarterly meeting of the Secretary's Council on Library Development will take place on Friday, September 10, 2004, at the Kirkpatrick State Information Center in Jefferson City. Scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., the meeting will take place in the Roy Blunt conference room on the 3rd floor and is open to the public.

Detailed agenda information can be viewed on the State Library Web site, <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/council/agenda0904.asp>. For additional information, please contact Velma Steinman at 1-800-325-0131, ext. 3.

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